

HHS activates Emergency Program to reimburse Hospitals

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)) activated a program to help hospitals and medical facilities providing care to people affected by Irma. This is the first time HHS has activated the program in response to a natural disaster since a devastating earthquake hit Haiti in 2010.

The program, called the National Disaster Medical System ([NDMS](#)) Definitive Care Reimbursement Program, reimburses medical facilities and hospitals for the definitive medical care costs of patients medically evacuated following disasters. These patients are directed to NDMS-designated hospitals and medical facilities and tracked through Federal Coordinating Centers managed by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense. Details can be found at: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/09/17/hhs-activates-program-reimburse-hospitals-caring-patients-evacuated-hurricane-irma.html>